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SUBJECT: HIDALGO COUNTY LABOR UNREST: STATUS REPORT

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM AMCONSUL MATAMOROS REPEATED FOR
DEPT INFO:

1. NO REPEAT NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE IN PAST 24
HOURS.

2. ONE LOCAL NEWSPAPER (LA OPINION DE MATAMOROS) CARRIES
VARIOUS STORIES, LARGELY PLAGIARIZED FROM YESTERDAY'S SENSATIONAL
DOUBLE-PAGE SPREAD IN PRENSA. THE HEADLINES CLAIM THAT
SITUATION IN HIDALGO CO. IS EXPLOSIVE BUT THE STORY, CREDITED
TO AP WIRESERVICE, SIMPLY DETAILS MINOR ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN
UFW PICKETS, AND MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES ON VARIOUS OF THE
F FARMS AFFECTED BY THE UNREST. ONE PARAGRAPH QUOTES GOVERNOR
OF TEXAS AS SAYING THAT THERE ARE NO PLANS TO SEND IN TEXAS
RANGERS (VARIOUS MEDIA STORIES ALLUDE TO THE INTERVENTION
DURING 1968 LABOR UNREST OF TEXAS RANGERS, GENERALLY CONCEDED
TO HAVE BEEN A MISTAKEN OVER-REACTION.) RANGERS ARE A POPULAR
AND CONSTANT BUG-A-BOO TARGET OF LOCAL RAZA UNIDA AND UFW
PROPAGANDA.

ANOTHER STORY IN SAME PAPER FROM ITS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
REVIEWS EVENTS OF PAST WEEK, SEVERELY CASTIGATING ACTIONS OF
MILLER IN FIRING ON DEFENCELESS MEXICAN LABORERS. FINAL PARAGRAPH A
ALLEGES THAT MILLER MUST HAVE FIRED IN ORDER TO PREVENT PUBLIC
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KNOWLEDGE OF FACT THAT HIS FIELD WORKERS ARE ALL ILLEGALS, THAT HE

PAYS BELOW/STANDARD WAGES, AND MAKES NO CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY, MEDICAL CARE , ETC., ALL OF WHICH ARE THE ALLEGED GOALS OF UFW IN THEIR ORGANIZING EFFORTS.

3. COMMENT: IT IS QUITE PROBABLE THAT MILLER'S WORKERS ARE INDEED ILLEGALWETBACKS--BUT ODDLY, SO ARE MANY OF THE UFW ORGANIZERS, AND, IT NOW APPEARS, SO ARE ALL OF THE TEN PERSONS WHOM MILLER WOUNDED. SO THE QUARREL REALLY SEEMS TO BE BETWEEN SUBMISSIVE WETBACKS ANDMILITANT WETBACKS, WITH AGITPROP SUPPLIED BY CESAR CHAVEZ-TRAINED UFW VETERANS. THERE IS ALSO LITTLE QUESTION BUT THAT THERE HAS IN PAST AND POSSIBLY AT PRESENT BEEN SUFFICIENT EXPLOITATION ON PART OF TEXAS LANDOWNERS TO SUPPLY UFW WITH MANY LEGITIMATE GROUNDS FOR COMPLAINT.

4. ACCORDING TO PRENSA QUOTING ORENDAIN, CESAR CHEVEZ WILL COME TO HIDALGO NEXT WEEK.

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